

Remarks

This application is a divisional application of pending U.S. Patent Application 10/049,086 filed on February 6, 2002, which is the National Stage of International Patent Application PCT/GB00/02976 filed on August 7, 2000. No Office Action is pending in Application 10/049,086 so no extension of time is required. If an extension of time is necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to debit the appropriate amount from Deposit Account 19-0134.

Applicants are amending the Specification to indicate the priority claim. No new matter is added.

Claims 1-37 were pending in Application 10/049,086. Applicants request the cancellation of Claims 1-37 and the addition of new Claims 38-42. Claims 38-42 are based on Claims 14, 15, 17, and 32 which were filed on February 6, 2002 and were still pending on October 29, 2002 when U.S. Patent 6,471,964 was issued (see below). Claims 14, 15, 17, and 32 were amended during Applicants' Response to Restriction Requirement filed on September 9, 2003 at which point Applicants elected an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2. Applicants are now adding new Claims 38-42 which cover SEQ ID NO: 4. No new matter is being added.

On October 29, 2002, the USPTO issued U.S. Patent 6,471,964, Biering et al. (a copy of which is enclosed) (hereinafter "the '964 Patent"). The '964 Patent was filed on October 17, 2000 which is approximately two months later than Applicants' filing date of August 7, 2000.

Applicants' Claims 38-42 are identical to Claims 1-5 in the '964 Patent. SEQ ID NO: 2 in the '964 Patent is the same as Applicants' SEQ ID NO: 4. Again, Claims 38-42 were originally part of Claims 14, 15, 17, and 32 which were pending on October 29, 2002 when the '964 Patent issued. Applicants are now copying the Claims 1-5 from the '964 Patent.

Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge all fees due to Deposit Account 19-0134. Applicant also requests that all correspondence be directed to the address associated with Customer Number 001095 which is currently as follows:

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Any questions or issues can be directed to the below signed attorney at this address. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

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